

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 3, 2005 at the Aviators Landing. This was the 198th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

2. Members present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Ch	CSM Andrew Rivers
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
COL William E. Crouch	SGM Terry Wilkins.
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E. Hyers	1SG Jackie Ray
Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)	SFC Joseph Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Ch
LTC James R. Mellish	SFC Ralph Reed, Unexcused
CDR James E. Cobb	SMSGT Jean A. Woodruff (USAF) Unexcused

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander
COL Susan Denny, CDR, Lyster Army Health Clinic
CSM Joseph Moodt, Garrison CSM
Mr. Stefan Marks, AAFES
Mr. Kevin Carver, AG
Mr. Roy Watkins, AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:36 AM by COL Bunting.

4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

5. Old Business – a motion was made, seconded, and passed to rescind the reappointment of one more year on the Council of CSM Rivers, SGM Wilkins, and SFC Barnes due to a misinterpretation of the Council By-Laws.

6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – No report.

b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers outlined the legislation of the Military Coalition with hopes of getting passed by the 109th Congress. COL Bunting stated that all of the BRAC Commission had not been nominated at this time.

c. Health Care – COL Denney reported appointments are now being taken at the Clinics. Flu shots are available to everyone now. There is a possibility of a line being formed at the pharmacy specifically for active duty members. AAFES is considering opening a coffee concession at the Clinic. This will include coffee, donuts, soup, and sandwiches during lunch time hours.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer of The Month for February is Kimberly Blevins. She will be recognized on 8 February, 1030 AM at the Post Theatre. On 9 February the Volunteer Advisory Council will began selecting the Volunteer of the Year.

e. Consolidated Club System – COL Block reported bar sales were about three times above normal. The restroom renovations have been completed and the partition wall replacement will start the middle of this month.

f. Commissary – No report.

g. PX – See advisors report.

h. Golf Course – COL Heath reported the golf course was is still on the IMA watch list. The loss of members is causing fees to go up. The labor costs are high

i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported the center will be rented to a group from Florida for an event. Following the event, the spring horse trials will be held. One of the judges will be MG (Ret) J. R. Murphy who started horse trials here in the 1960s. The Mississippi Pony club will be holding a rally here in April or May. The barns are full of horses and the Center is doing well.

j. Outdoor Recreation – No report.

k. Bowling Alley – No report..

l. RAD – No report.

7. Advisors Comments –

a. COL Young reported that free income tax service is available at the Service Support Center. COL Young briefed the Council on the “Privatization” of family housing on Fort

Rucker. This is a fifty year partnership program wherein Fort Rucker will give the contractor all 1,516 sets of quarters to renovate, maintain, and build new family housing when needed. This will get Fort Rucker out of the housing business.

b. Mr. Laster stated the next Prime Rib night will be February 26th and reservations are recommended. Outdoor Recreation has obtained a new ski boat which will be available when water ski weather begins. The ITR Office is sponsoring an Alaska cruise June 4th through the 12th and the cost includes transportation from Fort Rucker and return to post. A deposit will be required and final payment by March 2005.

c. Mr. Marks reported a change of managers at the PX. AAFES rates stores on a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being a super store. Fort Rucker is a level 6 which restricts the amount of merchandise that can be stocked but non stocked items may be ordered for customers. The PX is stocking the "big screen" televisions and sales have been good on these items. There is currently a sale on computers, with plenty of stock on hand.

8. New Business –

a. CSM Jolley volunteered to be on the Bowling Alley Committee.

b. SFC Barnes requested to remain on the Volunteer Committee and to attend meetings, as a guest, and report on the volunteer business.

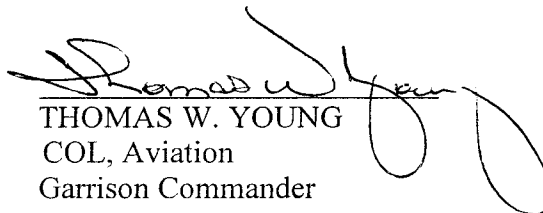
9. Chairman's Comments – COL Bunting thanked CSM Rivers, SGM Wilkins, and SFC Barnes for their many years of dedication and service on the Council and if, after one year, vacancies appeared on the Council, they should feel free to apply to return as Council Members.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting is to be held at the Aviator's Landing Community Center on March 3, 2005 at 1130 AM.

APPROVED VIA EMAIL 4 FEB 05
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Co-Chairman

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